The Atirampuzha—Lalam road is badly worn out in portions. An estimate for metalling those parts has been sanctioned, and the work is in progress.

MEMBER: I want the other parts also to be metalled. Hence my representation.

DEWAN: That will be investigated.

Lalam is so close to Kottayam, where there is a lady doctor. It must wait to have one of its own, until other places, where one is more necessary, are provided with lady doctors.

A new building will be constructed for the vernacular school when we get funds.

The question of a District Court and a First Class Magistrate's Court has been discussed before. The District Court must await the report of the Law's Delays Commissioner. We must see what he says on the subject.

A First Class Magistrate's Court was established at Minachil some years ago, and it was found unnecessary then. That matter will be examined again.

The suspension of the collection of tolls by the Kottayam Municipal Council at Nagampadam will be enquired into.

124. Needs of the Todupuzha taluk

MR. OUSEPH MANI (*Todupuzha taluk*) said that Todupuzha taluk had an area of 179 square miles and a population of over 90,000. The revenue of the taluk had increased considerably since the last Settlement and several public institutions and offices had been established at Todupuzha, the headquarters of the taluk. But the total length of roads in the taluk was only 61 miles. This was very small when compared with other taluks and the want of proper means of communication was a source of grievance to the people. The following roads were incomplete and should be completed:—

(i) the Vazhakulam—Vazhittala road;
(ii) the road from the 5th mile of the Todupuzha-Arakulam road to Melukavu;
(iii) the road from Muttam to Karinkunnam;
(iv) the Kumaramangalam-Kalavur road;
(v) the Karimannur-Vellantanam road; and
(vi) the Todupuzha-Arakulam road.

The following ryots' roads should be taken over for departmental maintenance after constructing the necessary bridges and culverts:—

(i) the Karimannur-Mulapram road;
(ii) the Mulapram-Neduvakavu road;
(iii) the road from the 2nd mile of the Kaliyar road to meet the Vazhakulam-Kotamangalam road;
(iv) the Velliyamattam-Vellantanam road;
(v) the road from Karinkunnam to Purapuzha and thence to Nediyala;

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(vi) the Madakattanam-Vazhittalla road ;
(vii) the Todupuzha-Manakad road ; and
(viii) the Velliyamattam-Karimannur road.

New roads should also be constructed from the 10th mile of the Todupuzha-Arakulam road to Pullikanam estate and from the 7th mile of the Velliyamattam road to the 12th mile of the Arakulam road.

There were no proper facilities for medical aid. There was only one dispensary for the whole taluk besides the Ayurveda grant-in-aid *vaidyasala*. The poor people at the outskirts of the taluk found it difficult to take the patients to the dispensary and even if they were able to do so, there was no convenience for treating them as in-patients. They were consequently put to much hardship. A bi-weekly dispensary should therefore be opened either at Kudayattur or at Karimannur, and if this was not feasible the Medical Officer at Todupuzha should be asked to visit the places thrice every week. The dispensary at Todupuzha should also be converted into a District Hospital.

There were only two Anchal Offices in the whole taluk, *viz.*, at Todupuzha and Vazhakulam. These were insufficient. Two more Anchal Offices should therefore be opened at Karimannur and at Arakulam. There were only one English and one vernacular middle school for the whole taluk, at Todupuzha. These were inadequate for the pupils passing out from primary schools in the whole taluk. The taluk was backward in education. With a view to the development of education and in order to afford facilities to the people in that respect, the English middle school at Todupuzha should be raised to a high school and the primary school at Karimannur should be raised to a middle school. Class VII should also be opened in the girls' school at Todupuzha.

Cardamom cultivation in the taluk was declining because the cultivators had no fixity of rights on their lands which were only leased to them. These lands should therefore be registered in the names of people on permanent tenure and permanently assessed.

All the available lands in the taluk had been registered and more lands were in demand for purposes of agriculture. The available swampy areas in reserved forests should therefore be disafforested and assigned to the people.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Again, Mr. Ouseph Mani, you have a long list of roads. In regard to the Vazhakulam-Vazhittala road, the first section *i. e.*, up to Iruttu *todu* has been practicllly completed and the question of extending it up to Vazhittala will be placed before the Road Board. The work in the case of the Todupuzha-Arakulam road from the 5th mile to Melukavu will be taken up as soon as funds are available. The road from Muttam to Karinkunnam has been given up because the people there were unwilling to surrender the lands required free of compensation. The Kumaramangalam-Kalavur road is awaiting exe cution for want of funds. The road from Vellantanam to

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